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# Ukraine in its previous borders no longer possible — diplomat

## This is obvious, says Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova

Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova
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MOSCOW, June 18. /TASS/. The Russian Foreign Ministry's official spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova, said it was no longer possible for Ukraine to return to its previous borders.

"The Ukraine that you and I had known, within the borders that used to be, no longer exists, and will never exist again. This is evident," the

diplomat said in an interview to Sky News - Arabia, published in her Telegram channel on Friday.

The head of the Lugansk People's Republic, Leonid Pasechnik, said the country may hold a referendum on accession to Russia. The head of another Donbass republic, the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), said the issue on joining Russia will "become the number one issue" once the republic restores its constitutional borders.

Besides, officials of the military-civilian administration of the Kherson Region, an area that has been under Russia's control since mid-March, have repeatedly stressed that the region was seeking to join Russia as well.

Also, a senior official with the military-civilian administration of another region, Zaporozhye, said the territory hopes to join Russia and become a part of its Southern Federal District.

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